

Contenders or Pretenders? Tartars Decide Fate Friday

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Culver City made "championship contending" Torrance look like mere pretenders in the Pioneer League basketball opener Tuesday, forcing the sluggish Tartars to succumb, 52-34, on their home court.

"That's what can happen when you lay off and lose your timing," losing coach Will Boerger tried to explain. "We just didn't have it. We were stomped."

Three weeks ago Torrance dropped a hotly contested 50-49 verdict to the same Culver club on a neutral court (Beverly Hills Tournament). However, the Centaurs' heckling night man-to-man defense and consistent floor shooting, coupled with Torrance's poor passing and erratic shooting and

Torrance (34)

FG a-FT Pts.	
Weister, f	9 6-3 21
B. Roberts, f	0 1-1 2
Hester, c	1 0-0 2
Keller, c	1 3-1 3
Challis, c	0 0-0 0
Taylor, g	1 4-2 4
Richardson, g	0 0-0 0
Reinert, g	1 3-1 3
Williams, g	0 0-0 0
Ojard, f	0 0-0 0
R. Roberts, f	0 0-0 0
Totals	13 17-8 34

Culver City (52)

FG a-FT Pts.	
Boehle, f	2 2-0 4
McPerson, f	7 7-4 18
Smith, g	4 0-0 8
Schipper, c	3 6-4 10
Ward, g	0 0-0 0
Weisenhouser, g	2 0-0 4
Totals	18 15-8 52

Score by quarters:
Torrance 2 16 6 10—34
Culver City 9 14 11 19—52

Warriors Scalp Santa Monica in Opener, 66-49

El Camino's Warriors out-shot, outran, and outclassed Santa Monica City College Tuesday in a Metropolitan Conference afternoon basketball opener, 66-49.

Sparked by the rebounding and 22 point effort of center Harry Dinnel, El Camino romped to a handy 35-18 half-time lead before coasting into the first win of the '60 half of the season.

The Warriors upped their overall record to 8-5.

Coach George Stanich's fast-breaking club is entered in the annual California state JC tournament in Modesto, which opens today and runs through Saturday.

Next conference foe for the Warriors is defending champion Long Beach CC, on Tuesday at El Camino.

In other conference openers Tuesday, East L.A. clobbered Valley 90-66, and Long Beach smothered Harbor 80-51. Camino (66) Santa Monica (49) Gattivera (3) F Rabune (8) Krc (9) F Thomas (3) Dinnel (22) C Rodriguez (10) Runyan (12) G Machado (2) Boyd (8) G Gonzalez (14) Halftime Score—El Camino, 35; Santa Monica, 18.

rebounding, spelled a complete reversal and a Culver romp.

COACH BOERGER'S club, rated as one of the five top teams in what stacks up as a red-hot race, travels to El Segundo tomorrow night to probably decide their 1960 fate. Game time is 8 p.m., following a 6:30 junior varsity pre-

liminary. Tuesday night's loss gave the Tartars an overall 7-7 record.

ONLY BOB WEISTER stood out for Torrance. The "blonde bomber" sent 10 field goals and one free throw through the rim for 21 points, for high game laurels. The 6-foot junior scored 10 in the second quarter

and seven in the fourth quarter to pace brief spurts.

Weister's usually consistent scoring mate, Bill Reinert, was held to just three points, as he connected on only one of 16 field goal attempts in what must have been his poorest showing in two years on the varsity. The Tartars hit on 13 of 59

floor shots (22%). Culver had 21 of 46, or 46 per cent.

Culver's Tom McPerson and Steve Schipper, both juniors, were the main thorns in Torrance's aching side. McPerson scored 18 points while Schipper contributed 10 and dominated the rebounding. Culver plays Beverly Hills Friday night.



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